

AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

1-11. (canceled)

12. (currently amended) A method of removing contaminants from air entering a data storage system, the method comprising:

providing an enclosure configured to house components of the data storage system, the enclosure having an inner surface and an outer surface;

forming an aperture in the enclosure that extends from the outer surface to the inner surface, the aperture having a larger cross-section adjacent the outer surface than the cross-section adjacent the inner surface and having a diameter that continuously tapers from the outer surface to the inner surface of the enclosure; and

depositing a filter within the aperture to filter air entering the enclosure through the aperture,

wherein depositing the filter comprises:

transferring the filter from a supplier to an assembler in a tray;

removing the filter from the tray;

placing the filter into the aperture of the enclosed system

mounting a seal layer to the outer surface of the tray and a portion of the filter,

wherein the seal layer includes a liner and a seal; and

fastening the liner to the tray with a fastener to prevent the seal from adhering to the tray when the filter is removed from the tray.

13. (original) The method of claim 12, wherein depositing the filter within the aperture comprises depositing a carbon absorbent within the aperture to absorb chemical contamination entering the enclosed system.

14. (original) The method of claim 12, wherein depositing the filter within the aperture comprises depositing a desiccant within the aperture to dehumidify the air entering the enclosed system.

15. (original) The method of claim 12 and further comprising adhering a label to the outer surface of the enclosure, the label having markings on a first surface and having adhesive on a second surface of the label.

16. (original) The method of claim 12 and further comprising:

mounting a seal to the outer surface of the enclosure and a portion of the filter; and

adhering a label to the outer surface of the enclosure and the seal, wherein the label has markings on a first surface and adhesive on a second surface.

17. (original) The method of claim 12 and further comprising:

mounting a seal to the outer surface of the enclosure and a portion of the filter; and

adhering a label layer to the outer surface of the enclosure and the seal, wherein the label layer includes a label removably deposited on a liner.

18. (original) The method of claim 12 and further comprising mounting a seal to the outer surface of the enclosure and a portion of the filter.

19-20. (canceled)

21. (currently amended) The method of claim ~~20~~12, wherein mounting the liner further comprises providing a slit in the liner to ease detachment of the liner from the seal and the filter.

22. (canceled)